



SOUTH CAROLINA SILVER HAIRIED LEGISLATURE

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NEWS RELEASE

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S.C.S.H.L. TO HOLD EIGHTH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION

THE SOUTH CAROLINA SILVER HIRED LEGISLATURE (SCSHL) WILL CALL TO ORDER ITS EIGHTH ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE SESSION IN THE STATE HOUSE, HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBERS, IN COLUMBIA, TUESDAY THROUGH THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 - 14, 2006. RESOLUTIONS FROM THE TEN REGIONAL CAUCUSES AND SIX LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES WILL BE DISCUSSED, DEBATED AND VOTED UPON- TO BE PLACED IN A PRIORITY LISTING FOR PRESENTATION TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE GOVERNMENT AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

CREATED BY STATUTE IN 1999, THE SCSHL IS OBLIGATED TO INFORM THE VARIOUS BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT THE IMPORTANT CONCERNS OF SC SENIOR CITIZENS WHO HAVE BEEN ELECTED BIENNIALY AT THE COUNTY LEVEL TO THE SCSHL.

IT'S ALL ABOUT ISSUES TO IMPROVE THE VARIED DAILY CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WILL MAKE LIVING IN SOUTH CAROLINA MORE ENJOYABLE FOR THOSE OVER 60 YEARS OF AGE. THE ASSEMBLY WILL BE HOST TO SEVERAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, WHO WILL UPDATE THE SCSHL ON IMPORTANT TOPICS THAT ARE OF INTEREST TO SENIOR CITIZENS OF SOUTH CAROLINA. SPEAKERS WILL INCLUDE THE GOVERNOR, LT. GOVERNOR, (NOW HEAD OF THE OFFICE ON AGING), MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND HEADS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS THAT WORK WITH SC SENIORS.

OVER THE PAST SESSION (2005-2006), THE SCSHL HAS SUPPORTED MAJOR PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT WILL BENEFIT SENIORS IN THE FUTURE

- GERIATRICS LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAM WILL ADD PHYSICIANS WHO WILL CONTINUE IN GERIATRICS TO MEET THE NEEDS OF SENIORS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**
- TO ALLOW BY ORDINANCE FOR THE TAXPAYER TO ELECT TO PAY AD VOLOREM TAXES ON REAL ESTATE IN EACH COUNTY BY MONTHLY OR QUARTERLY INSTALLMENTS.**
- TO ALLOW PHARMACIES TO ACCEPT THE TRANSFER OF**

ORIGINAL PRESCRIPTION REFILLS BY ANOTHER PHARMACY.

- **TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF EXECUTING A HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY THROUGH ONE DOCUMENT KNOWN AS 'THE FIVE WISHES'.**
- **TO ESTABLISH THE VULNERABLE ADULTS INVESTIGATIONS UNIT WITH SLED AND THE STATE OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM IN STATE FACILITIES.**
- **TO INCREASE TAXES ON BINGO CARDS TO SUPPORT SENIOR FACILITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE.**
- **TO CHANGE THE SCRIPTS PROGRAM AND NAME TO THE GAD ASSISTANCE PHARMACY PROGRAM FOR SENIORS, STATE SENIORS TO THE MEDICARE PART D PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM AND THE SUPPORT TO FINANCE THE 'DONUT HOLE' UNDER THE PART D PROGRAM.**

THE MEMBERSHIP TO THE SCSHL IS ALL VOLUNTEER AND IS SELF SUSTAINING IN PROVIDING THEIR SERVICES TO THE SENIORS OF SOUTH CAROLINA.